Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Food Processing Industries respectively and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

The Constitution (Eighty-First Amendment) Bill, 1994

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.

The question was put and the motion was adopted

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, since yesterday I have been trying to raise an issue of public importance. *(Interruptions).* Kindly let me raise an issue of public importance. Madam, I want to ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal) : Madam, I want to raise...*(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN (Maharashtra) : Madam *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I want to bring to the notice of the House a very important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please raise it. *(Interruptions).* Everybody should sit down. Let us run the House in a proper order. I have identified Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : I want a clarification.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have permitted Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan. Please allow her. *(Interruptions)* I will identify everybody.

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Highway Robberies in Tamil Nadu

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, in the last few days, the people of Tamil Nadu have been living in a state of terror because the roads of Tamil Nadu are infected with highway robberies. People are being pulled out of their cars and... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, this is a State subject. What happens in the State is a State subject. It is not allowed to be raised here. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has accused the Centre of highway robberies, Madam. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : How are you allowing it, Madam ? There are robberies in Andhra Pradesh, there are robberies in Maharashtra. There are robberies in other places. Are you going to allow those things also ?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has accused the Centre ... *(Interruptions)* I will answer the point of order.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Madam, it cannot be taken up here. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. *(Interruptions)* Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan, you just complete. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I am asking the Centre to explain ... *(Interruptions).* What is all this ? *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let her speak. I have permitted her. *(Interruptions)* I am in the Chair. I have permitted her, and I will allow her to speak.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Madam, I am on a point of order.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I have a right to speak.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Please allow me. I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu) : The Tamil Nadu Government should be dismissed. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Just a minute. I have permitted Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan. You cannot raise a point of order on that. (*Interruptions*) I have permitted her.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : This is a State subject.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I will allow you afterwards.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I have a right to speak.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : A State subject cannot be raised here. Robbery is a State subject.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I will explain.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will you allow a State subject of robbery to be taken up against Andhra Pradesh, against your own Government ?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I will explain to you.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : I want your ruling on this matter, Madam. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Swaminathan, please. Everybody, please keep quiet. Mr. Swaminathan, let me first...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : I want a clarification.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let me first hear her. Without my listening to what she is saying, I cannot ... (*Interruptions*). Saying Tamil Nadu is not unparliamentary. Please sit down. She is raising an issue ... (*Interruptions*). Let me first hear her. And then I will give my ruling.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I will explain how it can be raised in this House.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : It is a State subject. Will you allow some robbery happening in Andhra Pradesh, some robbery happening in Maharashtra to be taken up in the House ? (*Interruptions*) Every day, in one State or the other it is happening. Are you going to allow it ? (*Interruptions*) Madam, I don't think it is fair that some robbery to be taken up as if it is a subject of Rajya Sabha. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please sit down.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, we are not allowed to speak in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. Here also, we are not allowed to speak. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : We have no recourse except to walk out of this House.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : You walk out and get out.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : You are not to tell me to get out. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Just a minute. (*Interruptions*) Please sit down. I say, please sit down. When I say 'sit down', you please sit down.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : The hon. lady Member has asked me to get out of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I did not hear it. I cannot hear when ten people speak. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) Will you please sit down ?

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : How can she say 'Get out' ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I didn't hear ; she did not say that.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : She said it. Has she got the right to say : 'Get out of the House' ? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You listen to me, at least. Please go back to your seats. I will let you know. Please go back to your seat. At least I have the right to tell you to sit down. You abide by it. I have a right to tell the Members to sit down. At least you abide by it. Please sit down. Let me hear what Smt. Jayanthi is saying. If there is anything which should not be raised in this House, I will not allow it to be raised. But let me hear.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : She is saying about robbery.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I cannot take your word as final. I am the authority to decide whether it is right or wrong. Let her speak. If it is wrong, I will not allow it. But please sit down. Yes, Smt. Jayanthi.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : We strongly object to this and we walk out of this House ... *(Interruptions)*

(At this stage, some hon. Members left the Chamber.)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I will explain ... *(Interruptions)*

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली) : आप ला एण्ड आर्डर के बारे में बात करना चाहती है, जो कि स्टेट का मैटर है।... **(व्यवधान)**...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Please let me speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Ramachandran, will you please sit down and be quiet ?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : My point is, what Mr. Swaminathan was saying about law and order is not correct. I raise it before this hon. House for a specific reason, and the reason is, the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in view of the alarming spate of dacoities and highway robberies where countrymade bombs are burst in the buses ... *(Interruptions.Q*

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : मैडम, फिर वही बात है।

उपसभापति : प्लीज, आप एक मिनट चुप रहिए। Let me hear.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I am sorry. It would be better if the Members do not interrupt.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : यदि केन्द्र की जिम्मेदारी है तो गृह मंत्री एक्सप्लेन करें। **(व्यवधान)**...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let me hear her.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I am raising it before this House because the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has stated that these dacoities are being committed by the Central Government. Can you imagine ? Madam, it is the height of irresponsibility. I am first explaining as to why I am raising it here and why I am not able to have it raised in the Assembly. This is what the hon. colleagues on the other side are asking. Madam, country bombs are being burst and people are being killed. This is not a matter of law and order. This is a matter for everybody to take note of. I am surprised when some Members say that it is not the concern of this House ... *(Interruptions)*. Let me complete, Madam. I want to ask the hon. Home Minister. There are two things. One is, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made this irresponsible and highly serious allegation against the Central Government. She did not allow any of our Members in the Assembly to raise it ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : The hon. Member is raising a matter which happened in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. How do you allow that to be raised here ? You do not allow proceedings of the State Assemblies to be raised in Parliament. How do you allow the matter, which was raised in Tamil Nadu Assembly, to be raised here ? Madam, I am on a point of order.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, the Tamil Nadu Assembly was supposed to move a motion regarding LTTE. That has not been moved. I urge upon the hon. Home Minister to come out with a statement in this regard, without further delay ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : How do you allow it to be raised here ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Leader of the House is here and he wants to say something. Have some respect for the House and for the Leader of the House.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : But how do you allow a Tamil Nadu Assembly matter to be raised here ?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Madam, when it was brought to my notice on my recent visit to Madras, I could not believe that such a wild allegation could have been made . . .

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Shame.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : . . . by any responsible Government. After verifying the fact, I was really shocked to know that this kind of a statement was made on the floor of the House. In regard to this allegation against the Central Government, I can say, without any fear of contradiction, that this is a totally baseless allegation which the Chief Minister is making. Instead of accepting the responsibility for the law and order situation in the State, in order to avoid the responsibility, she is trying to shift the blame to the Central Government. I strongly refuse it, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, that is over. That matter is closed now. Mr. Salim, please. (*Interruptions*) I have called Mr. Salim. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Narayanasamy, I have identified Mr. Salim and nobody else. (*Interruptions*) I will allow you. I will permit you. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) Yes ; Mr. Salim, please. Do you want to speak or you do not want to speak ? (*Interruptions*).

Setting up of National Rural Bank

श्री मोहम्मद सलीम (पश्चिमी बंगाल) : दक्षिण के एक प्रान्त के बाद मैं पूरे देश के बारे में, एक राष्ट्रीय सवाल के बारे में यहां बात उठाना चाहता हूं, वह है राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक के बारे में ।

†شری محمد سلیم : دکشن کے ایک پرانت کے بعد میں پورے دیش کے بارے میں ۔ راشٹریہ سوال کے بارے میں یہاں بات اٹھانا چاہتا ہوں وہ ہے راشٹریہ گرامین کے بارے میں ۔

उपसभापति : वह आज सुबह हो गया । . . . **(व्यवधान)**

. . . **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा** (दिल्ली) : यह दूसरा सवाल है । . . . **(व्यवधान)** . . . आपने श्रीमती नटराजन वाले सवाल पर होम मिनिस्टर को . . . **(व्यवधान)** . . . मैं पुछना चाहता हूँ . . . **(व्यवधान)** . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Because the explanation given by Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan was clear. Because the Central Government came into the picture, that is why I allowed her to raise it. Now, Mr. Salim, please. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Malhotra, I am not reopening it. I am not allowing. That matter is closed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MD. SALIM : Mr. Malhotra, this is not correct. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am not allowing anything on it. I am not permitting.

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : होम मिनिस्टर ने जो बात कही है . . . **(व्यवधान)** . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am sorry. Mr. Malhotra, you have been a very senior politician. When I said the matter is closed, the matter is closed. It is because I said so. I am not allowing you. (*Interruptions*) No. That matter is closed. Nothing is going on record about that. Mr. Salim, please.

श्री मोहम्मद सलीम : आज पूरे देश से ग्रामीण बैंकों के कर्मचारी दिल्ली में आए हुए हैं, धरना दे रहे हैं हजारों की संख्या में, और उनकी मांग यह है कि राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक की स्थापना की जाए । हमारे यहां की जो फाइनेंस की स्टेंडिंग कमेटी है, उनकी भी यह रिपोर्ट थी । पिछले साल बजट सत्र में दोनों सदनों में यह बात उठाई गई और सरकार का यह कहना था, जो तत्कालीन मंत्री थे—डॉ० अबरार अहमद, उनका कहना था कि रिजर्व बैंक से वे पूछ

† [ ] Transliteration in Arabic